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Memorandum

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation

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Subject: Rulebook Supplement 2012-03 Available Online for Amendments to 28 TAC §§133.307, 133.308, 144.1-144.7 and 144.9-144.16 Regarding MDR of Fee Disputes, MDR of Medical Necessity Disputes, and Arbitration

The Texas Workers' Compensation Rulebook Supplement 2012-03 containing rules adopted by the Commissioner of Workers' Compensation is available online from the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC). The supplement can be printed from the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/supplements.html>.

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Rulebook Supplement 2012-03 contains adopted amendments to 28 Texas Administrative Code §§133.307, 133.308, 144.1-144.7 and 144.9-144.16 regarding medical dispute resolution (MDR) of fee disputes, MDR of medical necessity disputes, and arbitration. These rules were adopted on May 11, 2012 and were published in the May 25, 2012 issue of the *Texas Register* (37 TexReg 3833 and 3856, respectively). These rules are effective May 31, 2012.

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